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Re: Application of West et al.
"Reducing odor in absorbent products"
US Serial No. 10/621, 779
Filed: July 16, 2003
Group Art Unit: 1731
Examiner: Mark Halpern


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- RCE/Request for Ext. of Time

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Title: Reducing Odor In Absorbent Particles

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 CFR §1.114/
PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a)

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July 12, 2005

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 of the above-identified patent application, in which prosecution is closed.

- X 1. An Amendment and Response as required under 37 CFR §1.114 was filed with the US Patent and Trademark Office on June 7, 2005.
- X 2. Applicant respectfully requests that the statutory period for response to the final Office Action, dated April 7, 2005, be extended by one month, to expire on August 7, 2005.
- X 3. The filing fee for the present request for continued examination is calculated below. No claims in excess of the number previously submitted as being added.

COMPUTATION OF FEE

	Number Filed		Number Extra		Rate	
Basic Fee						790
Total Claims	15	=	0	x	18	= 0
Independent Claims	3	=	0	x	84	= 0
TOTAL						\$790

- X 4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the RCE filing fee of \$790.00, the one-month extension of time fee in the amount of \$120.00 and any other fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1480. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this sheet is enclosed

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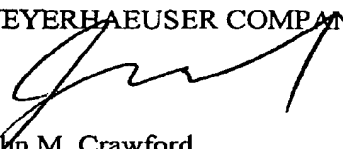
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